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CANDLE IN THE WIND

Hackney Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament supporters floated hundreds of candles down the River Lea on 9th August to commemorate the exploding of the world's second nuclear bomb at Nagasaki in 1945. The ceremony evokes a similar tradition followed each year in Japan. But controversy reigns... See letters, p.2.



Pic: Hackney TU Support Unit

Local workers stand firm

UNITED FOR 12%

The Government's attempts to force the health workers into submission over their fight for a decent wage isn't working. Instead, it has strengthened the resolve of all the low paid members of the NHS to continue their dispute until the Government gives them the 12% increase they are demanding.

As the series of stoppages in hospitals throughout the country continued last month, public support for the health workers' demands actually increased. And the rejection of the Government's 7½% offer by the traditionally conservative Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has shown that all the health workers are united on this issue.

Throughout Hackney, hospital ancillary staff have been taking selected action to press home their case that anything less than a 12% pay rise will amount to little more than a pound a week extra in their pay packets.

Workers at Bethnal Green Hospital and St. Bartholomew's Hospital have been taking sectional action, which means that one day the catering staff walk out while the next day the porters refuse to work.

ACTION

Ancillary staff at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in South Hackney staged a three-day strike in the middle of August; 140 workers (excluding those dealing with emergency cover) took part in this action. Stan Richards, National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) branch secretary for the hospital, claimed that they got a lot of encouraging support from the public on the picket lines. He also pointed out that the management and nursing staff were very co-operative; the Senior Nursing Officer had instructed nurses to carry out only their normal duties.

There appeared to be little management support for the

health workers' dispute at St. Leonard's where, at the end of last month, ten porters were effectively locked out because they refused to work new rotas imposed on them due to staff cuts.

The Kingsland Road hospital has borne the brunt of the Government's cuts in recent years and recently the number of porters was reduced from 12 to 10 through natural wastage. The management introduced new rotas for the existing porters from 23 August which would mean a cut in the amount of overtime they could work.

OVERTIME

As Geoff Craig, NUPE shop steward for St Leonard's pointed out, the basic weekly wage for a porter is £64.20 and they rely on overtime to supplement their low pay. He commented: "We need at least one day's overtime to be able to live sufficiently".

Instead of allowing the porters to work out the old rotas until an acceptable formula is worked out, the hospital management ignored the accepted disputes procedure, refused to negotiate with the unions, and offered the ultimatum that unless the porters worked the new rotas they would not be allowed to work at all.

The only plausible explanation for the management's position is an attempt to weaken the unions' strength by creating a separate dispute.

Meanwhile, support for the health workers' pay claim is growing both inside and outside the NHS. The big test of strength for the health unions will come on 22 September, the day called by the TUC for a one-day strike in support of the hospital workers' 12% demand. To make this strike effective the TUC have asked that members of unions not affiliated to the NHS take sympathetic action. It is only through this sort of solidarity that the Government and its policies can be defeated.

Police violence case starts

In November last year Mrs Nellie Knight was taken from her house to Stoke Newington Police station after a domestic row with her neighbours. She was violently attacked by the police and thrown face downwards into the police van. She received injuries to her head, arms, thigh, coccyx, and a bad cut on her face. She had to attend Hackney Hospital twice, once while still in police custody. While she was at the police station she and her daughters were subjected to scurrilous racial abuse.

Nellie and her eldest daughter Jennifer were then charged with assault. They were told that if they pleaded guilt that they would get off with a £25 fine and be bound over. But they contacted a solicitor on their release and made a complaint to



Nellie Knight and her three daughters

Scotland Yard. The police then charged them both with grievous bodily harm, and their case is to be heard at Snaresbrook Crown Court on 6 September.

A march was held through Hackney by the Knight defence campaign at the end of August to protest against the police violence against the

family and to demand the immediate dropping of the charges, compensation for her loss of earnings, her injuries and wrongful arrest and the dismissal of the policemen involved.

A picket will be held throughout the case at Snaresbrook Court. It begins on Monday 6 September at 10am.

LETTERS

NAGASAKI
DAY & HCND

Dear H.P.P.:

I am writing to you about Hackney CND's Nagasaki Day event - lantern launching on the River Lea. It was, in my opinion, very badly organised. I say this for three reasons:

a) The lanterns themselves were, for the second year running, made of non-biodegradable plastic. Rumour has it that many of last year's lanterns are still to be found littering the banks of the Lea. Isn't CND meant to be campaigning for a better life in all senses of the term?



Pic: Ernie Greenwood

b) I can't see why the event was held - tucked away from public view - in the car park of "The Prince of Wales". The location is also one of sorry desolation - a reminder of a possible nuclear holocaust? Of course, the Lea is very accessible from this point but far better it had been held somewhere more in the public eye so catching a larger audience. The evening was, after all, meant to be a propaganda exercise.

c) I have recently read in your columns that Hackney CND

now has the luxury of four secretaries. Couldn't one of them have seen it as his/her duty to say a few words before the launching about the significance of the occasion. Members of the public had been encouraged to attend and here was a good opportunity to get them to join. There really was no excuse for this tongue-tied approach now that HCND has so many office holders.

"Disgruntled HCND Member"

BUSWORKER
UNION AT
STAMFORD
HILL

Dear H.P.P.:

Your short article "700 Less Buses" (H.P.P. Aug '82) needs some qualification. It is not totally true to say that 'bus workers voted to accept substantial cuts in bus services'. This implies that an attitude verging on the suicidal is prevalent amongst busworkers. This is not totally true.

When the rank and file busworkers were consulted, and a recommendation from our district reps. (The London Bus Committee) to reject the proposed cuts and fight was put, recognising their detrimental impact upon services, earnings, conditions and jobs, without hesitation, they were rejected. At Stamford Hill this took place on April 30th. and we "fought" by having a one hour strike on May 10th. Thereafter, the 'campaign' of opposition was a series of negotiations between the L.B.C. and management: The end result being the paltry concession of 250 duties (shifts) and 118 buses being "returned" fleetwide. Without recourse to the industrial action our democratic decision had ratified, the L.B.C. called a special delegate conference of all the garage reps. on 23rd. July, recommended acceptance without reference back to the rank and file, gained a majority and that was, for the L.B.C., very neatly that. The busworkers sold out very swiftly and very neatly.

Meanwhile, back at Stamford Hill, the rage at this second recent example of the L.B.C. imposing decisions upon us (the first over pay) was quickly apparent when the news broke.

Now that fleetwide an agreement had been signed and delivered, the procedure is for branches to inspect and then attempt to gain an improvement on their individual rotas and schedules if they are still found to be unacceptable. Thus, on 29th. July at an ordinary branch meeting we voted to reject our schedules yet again as Stamford Hill had received a high percentage of cuts whilst being one of the more efficient garages (No. 253 passengers will know the truth of that!!) On August 5th., again, at two special meetings the proposed cuts were found unacceptable. After discussions with London Transport failed to obtain any increase in service allocation, a more drastic step was taken. On Monday 16th. August, all Stamford Hill buses were called into the garage - in effect two one hour stoppages - to again discuss the proposed cuts. A vote of over 200 to 1 against acceptance was recorded and a motion calling for the final stage of the negotiating procedure to be invoked was also carried. In one of the most exhaustive and comprehensive consultation exercises witnessed over this issue, the bus workers said no, no, no, no cuts.

herefore, if you mean by busworkers the L.T. pawns of the L.B.C. and delegate conference, who above all else want a quiet life, then your article is correct. If you mean by busworkers, those rank and file members who, whilst still prepared to fight and campaign for a sane bus service, feel bitterness at the betrayal perpetuated by the L.B.C., then your article is clearly wrong and misleading.

It needs to be said though that at the meeting aforementioned on 29th. July, Stamford Hill carried a motion calling for the immediate resignation of the L.B.C.

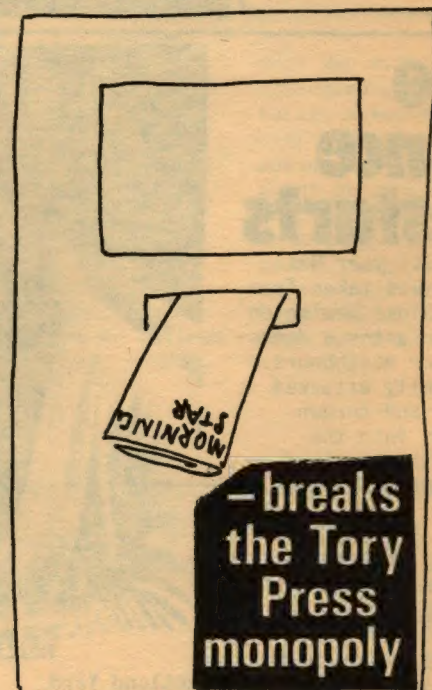
In addition to fighting the Law Lords, the Tories, L.T. and the scurrilous press we now have to wage a struggle to build a union committed to democracy, accountability and broader consultation.

The historic day of action on March 10th. when all L.T. workers stood together in order to defend services and jobs demonstrated that 'busworkers', with committed leadership, strong organisation and above all else, a sense of unity and solidarity will fight. The rank and file supports the expansion of the bus services in Hackney - if the union bureaucrats do, then they're keeping very quiet being very devious about it. Stamford Hill on its own cannot achieve a lot - but we are not taking these cuts laying down.

Postscript
Following the rejection of Aug 16th., a Stamford Hill delegation met management who again refused to improve the schedules. Two more meetings on Thurs. 26th. August again rejected the proposed schedules. Further discussions will be held with L.T. and two more mass meetings will be called prior to Sept 4th. to discuss what action to take if no improvement is forthcoming. It is commonly felt, however, that action will be inhibited by Stamford Hill fighting on its own. The most likely outcome is expected to be a work to rule as a demonstration of our anger.

Alan Payling,
Stamford Hill Bus Garage,
N.16.

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CLAIMANTS UNIONS

Dear HPP

I write as a member of Haringey and Islington Claimants Union. I was interested in the report in your August issue, "Smashed in Arcola Street: DHSS temporarily closed." I realise that, as you say, "the hours of queuing in a dull, uncomfortable office, the total lack of facilities for children there, giving your particulars for the third or fourth time to a man whispering at you from behind a thick plastic window" is enough to provoke violence, but it is not the answer to the problem. Remember, the men and women on the other side of the counter have their problems too. They work hard in appalling conditions, are understaffed, not very well paid and are constantly abused and reviled. I understand that in October when the Unified Housing Benefit Scheme starts, the DHSS hopes to sack another 2,000 staff.

I know that Arcola Street is worse than most offices (except, perhaps, for Scarborough Street, Stepney and Marshalsea Road, Southwark, where the single homeless have to go, and these are really appalling.) but all offices are pretty bad. However, by organised activity one can get improvements made. Archway Tower, Highgate, despite its 14 floors, has only two offices coping with supplementary benefits and each one is hardly any bigger than Arcola Street. These cater for 12 postal districts and have, I believe, 60,000 claimants on their books.

Our CU has met the two regional officers from time to time, and we now have regular meetings with CPSA union representatives. We wrote to, and had meetings with, every MP in the area, except Hugh Rossi, the Conservative MP for Hornsey who is the Minister for Social Security, who has

only written to us. This has enabled us to get some improvements done. We have been "promised" an improved telephone system by October and a better heating and ventilation system. We have also been to appeal tribunals with many claimants.

Also, Islington Action Group on Unemployment has campaigned against the really appalling conditions at Medina Road Employment Exchange, and now a second "signing-on" office has been opened at Hornsey Road.

All claimants unions are busy campaigning against the Specialist Claims Control Unit, the Unified Housing Benefit Scheme, the Ethnic Monitoring Scheme, the new postal form that will replace the BI(c) and other aspects of the Rayner Report.

Claimants are loathe to organise yet they need to do so very urgently. In your "Ten Years Ago" column earlier this year you referred to Hackney Claimants Union coming into existence at that time. HCU ceased to exist partly because they were violent and helped to get CUs a bad name. A new Hackney CU is urgently needed, comprised of claimants, for claimants, acting in the interests of claimants: not just the unemployed, but all unwaged people.

Apart from reforms, we initiated the Guaranteed Minimum Living Income for all, whether working or not, and continue to campaign for this.

I hope those interested will take action.

Yours fraternally
Douglas Kepper.

(Haringey and Islington Claimants Union, Hillrise Road, N.19. (272 7569) meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 2.00pm. East London Claimants Union, 296 Bethnal Green Road, E2. Answerphone: 739 4173 Islington Action Group on Unemployment, 1 Tollington Park, N.4.)

ILEA charged with racism

"The Labour controlled Inner London Education Authority, looked on as a beacon of hope, stands in the dock on a charge of racism." That is the view of Vidya Anand, a member of the London regional committee of the Labour Party and a co-opted member of ILEA itself. The issue that has led to these charges being made is the case of Anselm Samuel, the suspended Clapton Youth Centre worker. Feelings are now running so high over the affair that Vidya Anand has himself been called a "black bastard" by other Labour Party members in quite disgraceful scenes of racial bigotry.

Anselm (Sam) Samuel was convicted in July on an assault charge which, it has been alleged, was brought by a worker at another youth club largely at the insistence of some senior ILEA officers. Officers are also thought to have leaked material to the press - notably the Daily Mail, well known for its anti-black reporting - which was highly detrimental to Sam's case. He is currently suspended without pay, until the full Education Committee of ILEA considers his case on Tuesday 14 September.

Early in August a packed Hackney meeting heard various



Anselm Samuel

white GLC and ILEA bigwigs give some support to Sam. None of them seemed to grasp quite how vital this case has become for members of the black community. Every single representative from black organisations spoke of the importance of winning this particular struggle, if racism in ILEA and the Youth Service

- and some sections of the Labour Party - is to be eradicated. Pansy Adele from the Hackney Black People's Association spoke for the feeling of the meeting when she said: "Black people will not stand idly by while one of our members is prosecuted by the establishment. The conduct of senior ILEA officers show that there is a deep seated campaign at

County Hall to attack people like Sam."

Patrick Kodikara was dismissive of the lukewarm support that had been given by GLC members John Carr and Gerry Ross. "We are told that the GLC is controlled by the left wing," he said. "But I call John Carr a Johnny-come-lately to this campaign." He asked if Gerry Ross would resign his position as vice-chair of ILEA if the campaign was lost. Gerry Ross refused to say whether he would or not. Ellis Hillman, ex-GLC councillor, and he both agreed that there were racists on ILEA and that these should be named "at the right time". They then declined to name them immediately.

Sam was only recently appointed to the position of lecturer at Clapton. For many months ILEA had blocked his promotion, and only climbed down after a long battle fought by other workers, the young people who attend the Centre and parents and community organisations. The meeting of the Education Committee that will consider his case will be picketed by his supporters, at 2.30pm at County Hall, on Tuesday 14 September. The day before, a crucial Labour Group meeting will also consider his case, and there will be a picket there also: County Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 13 September.

PEOPLE'S NEWS SERVICE

Have you ever wanted to do a bit of investigative journalism, but needed to know exactly who to ask and what to ask for? The People's News Service, which comes to Hackney this month, could help you out.

It is a flexible collective of volunteers working in journalism who want to dispel the myths about the difficulty of research.

Their major aim is to provide an alternative international resource centre for use by individuals and community groups.

They have got a huge list of contacts, both in Britain and abroad, and also a substantial library of alternative and community publications.

They produce an index of community newspapers such as the Hackney People's Press.

If you want to find out what Lesneys have been up to, or how the disabled are treated in other areas, then you can check through their files. P.N.S. have just taken on a part time co-ordinator but there is always more research, company searches and articles to do, and help is needed.

If you are interested in voluntary work in the area of information provision and research then you can contact them by ringing Jonathon on 272 8734 any evening.

TENANTS WANT A VOICE

Nearly one hundred tenants representatives attended the General Meeting of the Federation of Hackney Tenants Associations held on Thursday 17 August. The meeting was called to discuss the new Council's commitment to greater tenant participation in housing.

There were 31 tenant groups represented, making it the best attended meeting of tenants associations that there has been in the borough for many years. There was a lively debate and, despite a small minority who came along to disrupt and divert the discussions, a number of important points were made.

Perhaps the most important was the general agreement that there should be one strong, united and effective tenants organisation in Hackney. This was agreed by groups both affiliated and not affiliated to the Federation. To set up an alternative organisation would be to work against the interests of tenants in the borough. Members stated that it is important for tenant groups to make the commitment to the broad base of tenants by affiliating to the collective organisation and participating in its democratic processes. Those who genuinely disagree with

the present position should affiliate and make their voices heard.

One of the overriding concerns of the meeting was that Council officers had already agreed on the new structure without consultation. They have now set a time limit for consultation which does not allow for full discussion. There are also serious doubts about whether the planned structure can actually serve tenants in any way. The meeting agreed to press for more representation at District level.

The meeting was arranged to allow the discussions to start. These will be continued in the various groups of the Federation. In the meantime the Federation will be seeking a meeting with Council Leader Anthony Kendall to clear up a number of points and to clarify a number of the Council's attitudes and aims.

The Federation is keen to see all tenants joining their tenants association and forming ones where they do not exist. If the tenants associations are strong then the Federation will be strong, and able to bring about the improvements that the majority of tenants in Hackney want to see.

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FIGHT! JOIN CHAR!

There will be a meeting to form a Hackney Branch of the new East London Campaign for Single Homeless People (CHAR) at Centreprise, 136-8 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8, at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7 September 1982.

In every part of East London homeless men and women lead a miserable existence in large impoverished hostels, in small bed-and-breakfast cubicles, or out in the open. Because they have no homes, doctors refuse them medical treatment, DHSS offices refuse them their full benefit, and the Police refuse to protect them from assault.

This has got to stop. Homelessness is the nation's disgrace, not the disgrace of the homeless. Those of us who have homes should join with those who have not in a united campaign for homes, medical services and full social security for all. Please help us to start this campaign in Hackney on Tuesday 7 September.

For any further information, contact Martin Hudson or Andrew Wilkes on 986 3191, or write to East London CHAR, C/O 'No Fixed Abode', 22 Underwood Road, E1.



UNDER FIVES GUIDE

Review:
HACKNEY UNDER FIVES GUIDE
1982

Hackney Under Fives Association has produced a guide to all the facilities available in Hackney that could be useful to young children and those who look after them. The booklet is comprehensive, covering the various forms of day care, children's and women's health provision, sport, play, leisure and education facilities, and benefit and employment possibilities.

Information is clearly presented, and attractively il-

lustrated with photographs and cartoons. Careful explanations are given as to the nature and extent of the facilities discussed, and where appropriate, comparisons made with similar services to help parents to make informed choices.

In the introduction, HUF assert their belief that parents and pre-school children should have access to a wide range of facilities, including the important one of good free day care to allow parents to work. They conclude, however, that this is far from the case in Hackney, and

that despite their sustained campaigning, it is still almost impossible to get a day nursery place. It is clear that provision for the under fives is not good, but this guide enables parents to make the best possible use of what facilities are currently available.

Hackney Under Fives Association has an office in Centreprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel: 254 9145. It is open from 10am to 3.30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Hackney NALGO

Hackney NALGO supports all black sisters and brothers who are suffering from institutionalised racism.

In particular, we support the following people in their fight for justice.

The Knight Family

Anselm Samuel

Pauline Wiltshire

Newton Rose

NOW I LIVE HERE

Pauline Wiltshire came from Jamaica to Hackney in 1977 to join her mother who has lived here nearly 30 years. Pauline is disabled and cannot get about or talk very easily. She has overcome tremendous obstacles to get her own flat, and lead an independent life. She helps out in a health food shop and has written a book published by Centreprise called "Now I live in England". She has benefited from National Health Care and, should she be forced to return to Jamaica, her health would deteriorate rapidly. Hot weather is very bad for her, and all her close family and friends live here.

NEW ACT

Until the advent of the Nationality Act in January 1982, Pauline would have been eligible to apply for British citizenship once she had lived here over 5 years. The new Act means that because she arrived in England after 1 January 1973, it is up to the Home Office's discretion as to whether or not she is allowed to stay. And....worse than that, Pauline has to send £200 to the Home Office by the end of September before they will even consider her application! So - the benefit on Friday, 27 August, at the Crown and Castle may only be the first step towards helping Pauline fight racist laws which will affect thousands of black people.

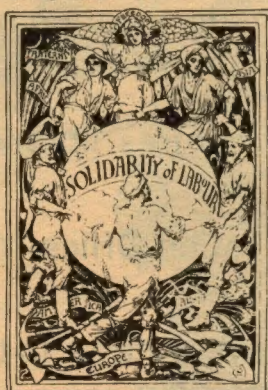
Please support Pauline. For messages, donations and further information contact: Pauline Wiltshire, C/O Hackney Citizens Rights Group, Centreprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, London, E8.

WEA AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Hackney Workers Educational Association programme for the Autumn term consists of the following courses:

1. HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT IN THE LABOUR PARTY
Many different strands of thought make up the Labour Party. This course looks at traditions ranging from the early Fabians to the Tribune Group.

6 weekly meetings. Sundays 11-1 pm at Hackney Labour Club starting Oct 17th.



2. ACUPRESSURE
This class continues a previous WEA course on ways to feel better and healthy without drugs.

9 weekly meetings. Thursdays 10-1, Centerprise (with creche) start Oct 7th.

3. WOMEN WRITER'S WORKSHOP

A workshop for women who are interested in writing - designed to provide encouragement, share experiences, and discuss different techniques and forms of writing. Creche available. 9 weekly meetings, Thursdays 11-1pm Centerprise, starting October 7th.

4. PHILOSOPHY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Can a philosophical approach help when dealing with topics such as abortion or disarmament? Come and find out. 9 weekly meetings. Wednesdays 2-4pm. Centerprise. Starting Oct 6th



5. WOMEN TODAY

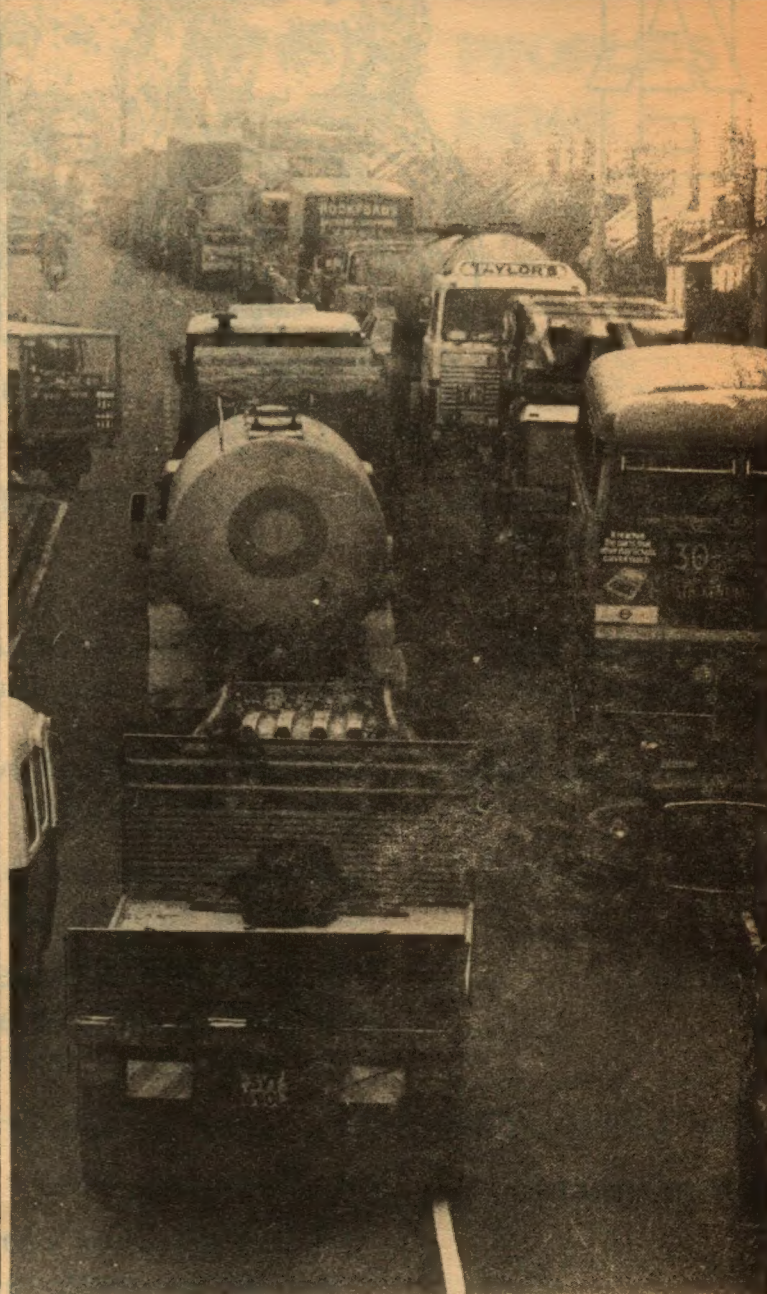
An informal discussion group for women which discusses subjects of particular interest to women, as well as more general issues. CHILD CARE FACILITIES AVAILABLE. Regular weekly meetings. Mondays 1.30pm-3pm. Hoxton Hall. Starts Sept 20th.

6. HEALTH IN HOMERTON

A course for pensioners in the Homerton district - though all others interested are welcome - to collect people's memories and hopefully to publish an account of 'Health in Homerton' before the last war. 9 weekly meetings. Mondays 2-4pm. Tenants' Hall, Bannister House E9. Starts Oct 11th.

For further details of any or all of these classes please send a stamped, addressed envelope to Hackney WEA c/o 136 Kingsland High Street London E8

Class fees on average work out at £3.60 for a six week course, with claimants and pensioners paying half price or even less where necessary



Pic: Andrew Haly

LEAD IN PETROL

The damaging effect to health of lead in petrol was the subject of Dr Robin Russel-Jones' recent talk to the Haringey Community Health Council.

Studies in America and Greenwich have shown that children with higher levels of lead in their bodies have

lower IQs than other children, and show higher levels of abnormal behaviour.

Levels of lead in Britain have been increasing since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. It is more easily absorbed by children's bodies than by adults' bodies. It can get into your system by means of particles in dust and food as well as by breathing polluted air.

Over 90% of the lead in food crops comes from petrol as does a large amount of the lead in the atmosphere. Petrol is the major source of lead pollution in this country. However, the motor and oil companies have a strong representation, and have thus been able to persuade the government not to take any action, on the grounds of high financial costs.

Children in traffic-filled London are obviously in danger from petrol fumes. The forced scrapping of the Fares Fair scheme has brought more cars on the roads. The proposed link roads through Hackney would also increase traffic locally, and also the amount of lead in the atmosphere.

In America lead was removed from petrol in 1976. Dr Russell-Jones urged everyone to write to their MP to influence the government to ban lead in petrol in Britain.

New Workers, New Initiatives

Childcare Links Up

The National Childcare Campaign, whose offices are in Bethnal Green, has recently taken on two new workers: a Multiracial worker (funded by the CRE) and a London Employment worker (funded by the GLC). They recently wrote in London Community Work Service Newsletter about their work.

Barbel Pollack (Multi-Racial worker)

I have been working as the 'women and employment worker' at the Surrey Docks Childcare Project (London) since August 1981. During this time I have come to understand how women are kept down in the Employment field because of the common notion that "a woman's place is in the home looking after her children".

There is a total lack of commitment from both central and local government to provide the childcare facilities which would give women equal opportunities at work. Consequently women still do the dirtiest, lowest paid jobs. We are denied training and promotion opportunities, we have to work twilight shifts or at home under appalling condi-

tions, and are often the first to be made redundant in a recession.

These realisations make me feel committed to the aims of the National Childcare Campaign; I am happy to have the opportunity to work towards bringing about changes.

I will be working under the direction of the multi-racial working party; we will discuss the specific details of my work at our first meeting. Meanwhile, I see the most important tasks of the year ahead to be as follows:

Gathering information by
*finding out from black parents about their child-care experiences and filing these findings
*encouraging students, womens groups etc to systematically

collect information about difficulties experienced by black people in getting their child-care needs met

*making contact with organisations eg CRE, to share information

Giving out information by

*making contact with black groups and organisations nation-wide

*possibly producing our own newsletter to distribute to black parents

*forming contact with bodies which will publicly support the demands which are being made by black parents

*using all public forums available to express these demands.

Julia Phillips (London Employment Worker)

I am very happy at the prospect of starting this new job with the Campaign and look forward to making contact in person. In the meantime to give you some idea of who I am.....

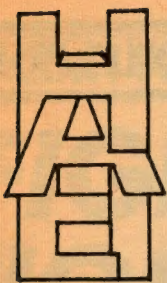
During the last 10 years I've had paid work as a teacher, advice and information worker

and administrator/finance worker in a small voluntary organisation. I've also spent some time as a research student looking at legislation affecting women's employment.

On the campaigning side, I've been an active member of Rights of Women on issues of employment, taxation and social policy. For the last few months my main concern has been in Southwark where, with other women in voluntary organisations, I've been negotiating with the Council over equal opportunities policies and processes for consultation with women in the borough.

Whilst I haven't been directly involved in a childcare campaign, the issue of childcare has always been central to the areas on which I have been campaigning. I am therefore really pleased to have the opportunity to be directly concerned with the linking of employment and childcare in the way this job involves.

Both Julia and Barbel can be contacted at NCC, 17 Victoria Park Square, London E2. (081 1221).



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- Where are they?** We have classes all over Hackney in schools, health centres, libraries, tenants halls and community centres.
- How do I join?** Come along to any branch. Ask for the Adult Education Office. You don't need to have done the subject before.
- When?** The best time to join is 13-17 September when our year starts. In this enrolment week there are no classes and many of us are available to help.
Of course, if there's room, you can join a class any time.
- Can I visit a class?** Yes, come in, see what's going on, and chat to the tutor when they have a free moment.
- How much?** Most classes £18.00 per year for one class. Subsequent classes £9.00 per year. Fees can be paid termly.
You pay £1.00 a year if you
- are unemployed
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 - are under 18
 - get Family Income Supplement
 - get Supplementary Benefit
 - are in a Literacy class
 - are in an ESL class.
- Community classes usually cost less too.

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Amateur Radio	Tap	Indian Dancing	Radio Electronics
Antiques: Repair & Restoration	Movement for the mentally handicapped	Italian Jazz Dance	Radio & TV Maintenance
Arabic	Dog Training	Jewellery	Reading & Writing (Literacy)
Archery	Dressmaking	Judo	Rowing training and coaching
Arithmetic	Drumming	Karate	Sailing
Art	Electronic Hobbies	Keep Fit for Women	Self Defence for Women
Assertiveness training (women)	Embroidery	Knitting and Crochet	Sewing for the family
Badminton	English as a second language	Latin American Dancing	Silk Screen Printing
Ballroom Dancing	E.S.L./Literacy	Learn to Swim	Soft Furnishing
Batik and Tie Dye	Extra-Sensory Perception	Learn to use your sewing machine	Speech to Literacy (for mentally handicapped)
Beauty and Health	Fencing	Life Drawing	Steel Band
Beer and Winemaking	First Aid	Literacy (Reading & Writing)	Swimming
Bengali	Fitness training for men	Living and working with the deaf	Table Tennis
Bridge	Fitness Training for adults	London past and present	Tai Chi
Cake Decorating	Fitness with Dance	Machine and hand knitting	Tailoring for Men and Women
Calligraphy	Flower Arrangement	Making children's clothes	Tap Dancing
Candle-making	Folk Guitar	Maths for You	Tennis
Car maintenance	Football training	Millinery	Turkish
Chess	French	Modern Hebrew	Turkish Women's Health Groups
Childminders' drop-in	Fresh Start Programme	Modern Sequence Dance	Typing as a personal skill
Children's clothes	Furnishing for the home	Mother and Toddler Swimming	Upholstery (hard)
Choral Group	Gardening	Motor Cycle Maintenance	Understanding City Farms
Christmas Decorations & Gifts	Get fit for men	Music and Movement	Video Workshop
Clothing design	German	Needle Skills	Volleyball
Community Video	Girls Project	Numeracy (Arithmetic)	Weaving
Computers – an introduction	Glass Mosaic Making	Old Time Dancing	Weightlifting
Confectionery/Patisserie making	Golf	Opera Workshop	Women's Group
Cookery	Greek	Over 50 Groups	Women's History
Co-operatives – setting up a workers' co-op.	Greek Dance	Paper-making, marbling and decorations	Women's Studies
Crafts	Guitar	Para-psychology (ESP)	Women's Health and Fitness
Dance:	Gujerati	Photography	Woodwork
Ballroom	Hackney Orchestra Class	Piano	Woodwork for Women
Contemporary Jazz	Hebrew (Modern)	Picture-Frame making	Yoga
Modern Sequence	Historical London	Pottery	
Latin American	How to stop smoking		
	Home Maintenance		
	Home Maintenance for Women		

Enrolment week

Enrolment week this year is
from Monday 13 September 1982
to Friday 17 September 1982

Branches

HEADQUARTERS	
Hackney Adult Education Institute, Chelmer Rd E9	533 2426
WOODBERRY DOWN Branch	
Woodberry Grove N4	802 5555
CLISSOLD PARK Branch	
Clissold Road N16	249 1496
WILLIAM PATTEN Branch	
Church Street, Stoke Newington N16	254 1937
BROOKE HOUSE Branch	
Kenninghall Road E5	985 9646
KINGSLAND Branch (formerly Dalston Mount)	
Shacklewell Lane E8	254 4034
CLAPTON Branch	
Linscott Road E5	985 4392
HOMERTON HOUSE Branch (formerly Upton House)	
Homerton Row E9	983 1135
DE BEAUVOIR Branch	
Tottenham Road N1	254 3668
WILTON WAY Branch	
Annexe of Hackney Free & Parochial School	
Wilton Way E8	254 6974
SHOREDITCH Branch	
Falkirk Street E2	739 4834
HOXTON HALL	
128a Hoxton Street N1	739 5431
COMET WORKSHOP	
Halcomb Street N1	729 0936
FELLOWS COURT CENTRE	
St Marys Estate	
Weymouth Terrace E2	739 6002

WHAT'S ON

Theatre

HALF MOON THEATRE
213 Mile End Road, E1
790 4000

Until 11 September **TRAFFORD TANZI** by Claire Luckham. Mon-Sat at 8pm. Mon-Thurs £3 (students & OAP's £2) Fri-Sat all seats £4. Last weeks of a very successful run at the Half Moon.

12 September **WOMEN'S CABARET**. 8pm. £3. Return to the Half Moon of the successful Women Live Cabaret featuring Spare Tyre Theatre Co, the Harpies plus others.

13 September **JOOLZ & Co** 8pm. £2. The uncooperative co-operative from Bradford present the poetry event of the autumn. 15-19 September **THE FLYING PICKETS**. Wed-Sun at 8pm. Fri-Sat at 8pm and 10pm. £3/4. Also 22-26 September.

From 19 September **DRAMA WORKSHOPS**. Every Saturday morning for 8-13 year olds, 11am-1pm. A chance to learn practical skills as well as to put on a twice-termly production. 790 4000 to book and for further information. 25p.

CHILDREN'S MATINEES. Every Saturday afternoon at 2pm. Top professional children's theatre groups perform at the Half Moon. 50p.

6 and 20 September **WRITERS' WORKSHOP**. 8-10pm, at Hayfield Tavern Mile End Road. Free. A fortnightly group for local amateur writers giving an opportunity to share and discuss individual work and ideas.

HOXTON HALL
128A Hoxton Street, N1
739 5431

Fri 17 September **MR PLUMPTON'S MUSIC HALL**. 8pm. £1.50 (concessions).
Tues 21 September **WHOOPEE-KER-PLONK** - children's show by Touchstone Mime Company. 4.30pm. 40p.

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TOWARDS A PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

FREE SHOWING OF THIS REMARKABLE FILM, SHOT UNDERGROUND, ABOUT REPRESSION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE RESISTANCE OF THE PEOPLE. THE FILM WAS MADE DURING SOUTH AFRICA'S REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS. AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW THE FILM. ALL WELCOME.

Fri Sept 10 at 8pm
Centerprise,
136 kingsland high st, E8

HACKNEY ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP
C/O CENTERPRISE, 136 KINGSLAND HIGH STREET,
LONDON, E8

Fri 24 September **THE TREE AT THE NAVE OF THE WORLD** by Touchstone Mine Company. (Edinburgh Festival Fringe Prize) 8pm. £1.50 (concessions).

THEATRE ROYAL
Gerry Raffles Square, E15
534 0310

From Tuesday 7 September Every night except Sundays. **STIFF OPTIONS** by John Flanagan and Andrew McCulloch with Lesley Duff, Michael Elphick, Harold Goodwin, Pat Keen, Kevin Lloyd and Bryan Pringle. 7.30. Seats £1-£5. Concessions Mon-Thurs. £1 for top price seats for OAPs, students, claimants. Matinees 3pm on Mon 16, 23 and 30 September. £1.
Sun 12 September **George Melly and John Chilton's Feetwarmers**. 8pm. £2-£5.
Sunday 19 September **Richard Digance and Friends**. Special concert to be recorded by Capital Radio. 8pm. £2.50 (advance) or £3.00 (door).
Sunday 26 September **Variety Night** - cabaret. Phone for details.

Music

CROWN & CASTLE
600 Kingsland Road, E8
254 3678

Downstairs Bar Live folk music most nights - free.
Upstairs Bar Doors open at 9pm, show starts at 10pm. Late bar and food. Cabaret phone for details.

FOX'S WINE BAR
Stoke Newington Church St, N16
254 2709

Fri 3 September **ALISTAIR GAVIN** (piano) and **TIM SAUNDERS** (sax).
Sat 4 September **DAVID SHAW** (piano) and **PAUL HYDE** (bass).
Fri 10 September **LOUIS O'NEILL** (rock and boogie piano).
Sat 11 September Phone for details.
Fri 17 September **DAVID SHAW** (piano) and **PAUL HYDE** (bass).

Sat 18 September Phone for details.

Fri 24 September **LOUIS O'NEILL** (piano).

HACKNEY MUSICIANS' COLLECTIVE

Live gigs every Thursday evening at the Sir George Robey Pub (opposite The Rainbow), Finsbury Park. 8-11pm.

2 September **REDWITCH** and support.

9 September **THE UNKNOWN**

16 September **SECTION TEN** and support.

23 September **THE VENTILATORS** and support.

30 September **PURPLE PANIC** and support.

THE PEGASUS
109 Green Lanes, N16
226 5930

Mondays to be confirmed.
Tuesdays 7 & 14 September **LARRY MILLER BAND** (R n'B/ Rhythm n' Rock). £1.
Tuesdays 21 & 28 September **STYGLIAN EELS** (Pyschedelic Rock and support **MONO-MIX**). £1.
Wednesdays **J J & THE JEALOUS GUYS**. Featuring 'Little Miss Dynamite' from Austin - Texas R n' B, Soul and Texaphelia. £1.25.
Thursdays **HANK WANGFORD** "The loneliness of the long distance jogger...". 8.30-11.30. £2.
Fridays **JUICE ON THE LOOSE** Jump n' Jive - Tex-Mex R n'B". 8.30-11.30. £1.50.
Saturdays **BIG CHIEF** - Jass, blues and boogie. 8.30-11.30. £1.50.
Sundays **THE IVORY COASTERS**. Polytone Music! 8.30-10.30. £1.30.
Reduced admission most nights for students and claimants - on production of student union cards or UB40s.

PEMBURY ARMS
90 Amhurst Road, E8
985 5288

Mondays & Tuesdays - Video films (free)
Wednesdays - Country & Western + D.J. (free)
Thursdays - D.J. (free)
Fridays - Rock 'n' roll + D.J (free)
Saturdays - Steve Amber (free)
Sundays - Flying Saucers (50p)
All programmes start at 8.30pm

WOMEN ONLY BENEFIT DISCO
Proceeds towards new womens centre in Stratford.

Friday September 3rd.
9pm-1am The Pigeons (upstairs), Romford Road, Stratford.
- featuring JAM TODAY + Disco, late bar + food.
- tickets on the night £2.50 waged, £2 unwaged.
Also available from "Sister-write" & "Gays the Word" bookshops for £2 & £1.50.
Contact: Maggie 534-4121

Cinema

ACE (formerly KONAK)
13/15 Stoke Newington Road, N16
254 2415

Phone cinema for details.



MICHAEL ELPHICK, who starred in the BBC2 series "Private Schultz", can be seen in the new play 'Stiff Options' which opens at Theatre Royal Stratford E15 on Sept. 3rd.

ASTRA
Stoke Newington, N16
254 0046

Sun. 5th.-Sat. 11th.
Crazy Partner 2, 5 & 8.30pm
+ Crazy Acrobat 3.45 & 7pm
£1.75 (Pensioners 25p)
These times & prices apply for all programmes.
Sun. 12th.-Sat. 18th.
Shaulin Temple + Struggle
Sun. 19th.-Sat. 25th.
Martial Club + Monkey Kung-Fu from Sun. 26th.
Encounters of the Spooky Kind + The Cavalier.

CENTERPRISE
136 Kingsland High Street, E8

Tuesday 7th.
BOOM
Animated film, first prize Cannes 1979. A humorous look at a very serious subject. BOOM asks the question is this THE END.

BETWEEN MEN
A fine film about the dehumanizing effects of war and the military on American men, which shows that men are taught from childhood to react in a competitive and aggressive fashion.

BEWARE
A Polish cartoon, which, using stylised images, traces the development of weaponry from clubs to nuclear explosions, and ends in a warning.

Presented by Hackney C.N.D.
7.30pm (Free)

THE RIO
107 Kingsland High St., E8.
249 2722

See advertisement on this page.

Meetings

EAST LONDON C.H.A.R.
(The Campaign for Single Homeless People)

Tuesday 7th.
Meeting to form a Hackney Branch. 7pm. Centerprise, 136-8 Kingsland High Street, E8.

Next meeting of East London CHAR - Monday 13th. Sept. at offices of East London Housing Association, 187a Romford Road, E15.

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107 Kingsland High St, E8
Tel: 249 2722

HOW TO GET THERE:
The cinema is 3 minutes walk north of Dalston Junction (B8 North London Line). Tube to Highbury & Islington or Liverpool Street then by bus. Buses 67, 76, 97, 149, 236 and 243 stop outside. Buses 22, 30, 38, 48 and 277 to Dalston Junction.

SEPT. 5 Sunday	2.30 4.40	THREE BROTHERS Rosi's stunning film, set in Southern Italy. ALLONSANFAN with Marcello Mastroianni.
SEP 11	Sun 6.30 8.30 Mon-Sat: 6.00 8.15	JANE FONDA KRIS KISTOFFERSON ROLLOVER SUN 8.30 /MON-SAT 8.15 & klute(x) SUN: 6.30/MON-SAT: 6.00
SEPT. 12 Sunday	2.30 4.30	BLOW-OUT with John Travolta OBSESSION Two films by Brian de Palma
SEP 18	Sun-Sat 6.30 8.30	Volker Schlöndorff's CIRCLE OF DECEIT Costa Gavras' Hanna Schygulla, Bruno Ganz. AND missing... JACK LEMMON - SISSY SPACEK
SEPT. 19 Sunday	4.00	THE HERD Benefit for Turkish Solidarity Campaign additional films on the current situation in Turkey and speakers to be announced.
SEP 25	4.30 8.45 6.40	THE HERD From Cannes Film Festival Hanna Schygulla, Bruno Ganz. AND TURKISH WEEK THE HERD ('SÜRÜ') 4.30 & shirin's wedding 6.40
SEPT. 26 Sunday	2.00 3.45	SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE directed by Carlos Saura LANCELOT DU LAC directed by Robert Bresson
SEP 29	Sun Mon Tue Wed 5.30 9.00	NOT A LOVE STORY (X) The Stepford Wives 7.00
SEP 30	Thu Fri Sat	MEPHISTO Directed by ISTVÁN SZABÓ 5.30 8.15

TICKETS: £2.00 (£1.00 under 16's; £0.50 OAP's; UB40s £1.00 Mondays.)

